

2020 CHARLES E. SHANNON COMMUNITY SAFETY INITIATIVE BROCKTON

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Funded by the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Office of Grants and Research, the Charles E. Shannon Community Safety Initiative (Shannon) is modeled after the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's Comprehensive Gang Model. Shannon is a multi-sector approach used to address a community's gang and youth violence problem. Each community receiving Shannon funding demonstrates the presence of risk factors for youth and gang violence. Shannon participants must be between the ages of 10-24 years.

Strategies, Outcomes, and Funding Allocation*

Total Funding: \$623,808

Strategies	Outcomes	Funding Allocation
Case Management, Street Outreach, or Intervention	74 Received Case Management Services 186 Received Street Outreach Services	\$222,135
Community Mobilization	30 Displays of Gang-Related Graffiti Removed	\$5,000
Education & Employment	37 Participated in Employment Programs 37 Completed Subsidized Employment Program	\$115,288
Positive Youth Development & Recreation	164 Participated in Youth Development Programs 128 Participated in Recreation Programs	\$212,433
Suppression	77 Hot Spot Patrols Completed 109 Law Enforcement Supported Home Visits	\$68,952

*Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Shannon CSI programs may have adjusted programming options (e.g., reduced numbers served to meet restrictions, remote programming) and/or shifted funding allocations.

Youth Risk Assessments

62% LOW-RISK*	Youth in danger of engaging in risky behavior or gang activity.
26% MODERATE-RISK*	Youth exposed to the same risk factors as low-risk youth, as well as additional risk factors such as truancy.
12% HIGH-RISK*	Youth who are perpetrators or victims of shooting or stabbing violence, and/or are known gang members.

* % of youth assessed for risk; responses in risk assessment may have been impacted by changes in context due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Success Highlight

"A former gang-involved female who became homeless with her child worked with her case manager to set goals and safety plans this year. She left the crew that she has been involved with since 16 and not only obtained stable employment but enrolled and completed school to become a CNA [certified nursing assistant]."
~Safe Corners (Old Colony YMCA)

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To learn more visit: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/shannon-community-safety-initiative-csi>

Community Risk Factors

Massachusetts

Brockton

Total Population (2019 Estimate)	6,892,503	95,708
Population Lives in Poverty	9.4%	15.6%
Unemployment Rate	8.0%	13.0%
Total School Population (2019-20)	983,058	18,862
Economically Disadvantaged	36.6%	65.5%
High School Dropout Rate	1.8%	3.9%

Sources: www.census.gov/quickfacts; profiles.doe.mass.edu/; www.mass.gov/lwd/economic-data/

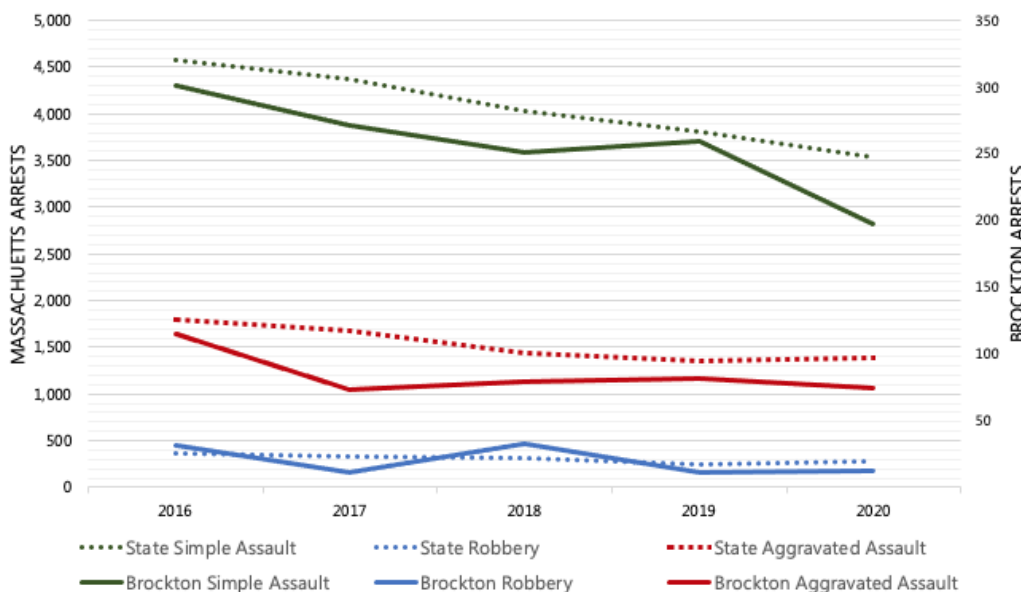
Gang Activity in Brockton

10
Street Gangs

100-150
Active Gang
Members

In 2020, It is estimated that fewer than 10 gangs drive the vast majority of criminal activity in Brockton and that while there are only between 100 and 150 active core gang members (down from 200 in years past), for each one of those, there are 3 youths under the age of 20 willing to do anything to prove themselves and gain power, creating a volatile atmosphere and, it is believed, leading to a rash of convenience store robberies. Home invasions continue to be a preferred method of intimidation and retaliation and there were three gang-related murders in 2020.

5-Year Crime Trends for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020



Changes in Crime for Young People Ages 10-24, 2016-2020

Simple assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 23%
- Brockton decreased 35%

Robberies in...

- Massachusetts decreased 24%
- Brockton decreased 59%

Aggravated assaults in...

- Massachusetts decreased 22%
- Brockton decreased 36%

Information contained in this report is from funding applications, reports supplied by the site, MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, US Census, MA Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, and Office of Grants and Research / Research Policy and Analysis Division. Special thanks to the Statewide Research Partner, the Center on Crime and Community Resilience at Northeastern University, for preparing this brief.